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In the Application of)
Strobel et al.) Examiner: H. Tsai
Title: METHOD FOR MAKING DIE BOARDS,) Group Art Unit: 3722
AND MATERIALS AND APPARATUS)
FOR PRACTICING THE METHOD)
Serial No.: 09/558,575) (Our Docket No. P48-1229-1)
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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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In response to the Final Office Action dated January 30, 2001, please
reconsider the claim rejections in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 30-32 are pending in the above-referenced application.

Claims 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being
anticipated by Arnold (U.S. Pat. No. 4,662,803). The rejection is traversed and
reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Arnold is directed to a reamer which enlarges or shapes holes,
but is not used to generate holes. The claimed invention, on the other hand, is
directed to a rotary cutting tool for generating holes or slots in die boards.